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Leviticus 21:1-22:16

(1) GOD said to Moses: Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them:

None shall defile himself for any [dead] person among his kin, (2) except for the relatives that are closest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; (3) also for a virgin sister, close to him because she has not become someone's [wife], for her he may defile himself. (4) But he shall not defile himself as a kinsman by marriage, and so profane himself. (5) They shall not shave smooth any part of their heads, or cut the side-growth of their beards, or make gashes in their flesh. (6) They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God; for they offer the ETERNAL's offerings by fire, the food of their God, and so must be holy. (7) They shall not marry a woman defiled by prostitution, nor shall they marry one divorced from her husband. For they are holy to their God (8) and you must treat them as holy, since they offer the food of your God; they shall be holy to you, for I GOD who sanctify you

ויקרא כ"א-כ"ב:ט"ז

(א) ויאמר יהוה אל-משֶׁה אָמַר
אל־הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֲלֵהֶם לִנְפֹשׁ לֹא־יִטְמָא בְּעַמִּיו:
(ב) כִּי אִם־לְשֹׂארוֹ הַקָּרֵב אֵלָיו
לְאִמּוֹ וּלְאָבִיו וּלְבָנוֹ וּלְבִתּוֹ
וּלְאָחִיו: (ג) וּלְאָחֹתוֹ הַבְּתוּלָה
הַקְּרוּבָה אֵלָיו אֲשֶׁר לֹא־הִיְתָה
לְאִישׁ לָהּ יִטְמָא: (ד) לֹא יִטְמָא
בְּעַל בְּעַמִּיו לְהַחֲלוֹ: (ה)
לֹא־[יִקְרָחוּ] (יקרחה) קְרָחָה
בְּרֵאשִׁים וּפְאֹת זָקָנָם לֹא יִגְלְחוּ
וּבְבִשְׂרָם לֹא יִשְׂרְטוּ שְׂרָטָת: (ו)
קִדְשִׁים יִהְיוּ לֵאלֹהֵיהֶם וְלֹא
יַחֲלִלוּ שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיהֶם כִּי אֶת־אִשִּׁי
יְהוָה לָחֵם אֱלֹהֵיהֶם הֵם מִקְרִיבִם
וְהָיוּ קִדְשׁ: (ז) אִשָּׁה זֹנָה וַחֲלָלָהּ
לֹא יִקְחוּ וְאִשָּׁה גְרוּשָׁה מֵאִשָּׁה
לֹא יִקְחוּ כִּי־קִדְשׁ הוּא לֵאלֹהֵיו:
(ח) וְקִדְשָׁתוּ כִּי־אֶת־לָחֵם אֱלֹהֵיךָ
הוּא מִקְרִיב קִדְשׁ יִהְיֶה־לְךָ כִּי
קִדּוֹשׁ אָנֹכִי יְהוָה מִקְדָּשְׁכֶם: (ט)
וּבֵת אִישׁ כֹּהֵן כִּי תַחֲלֵ לְזָנוֹת
אֶת־אִבִּיהָ הִיא מְחַלֶּלֶת בְּאִשׁ
תִּשְׂרָף: {ס} (י) וְהַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל

am holy. (9) When the daughter of a priest defiles herself through prostitution, it is her father whom she defiles; she shall be put to the fire. (10) The priest who is exalted above his fellows, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured and who has been ordained to wear the vestments, shall not bare his head or rend his vestments. (11) He shall not go in where there is any dead body; he shall not defile himself even for his father or mother. (12) He shall not go outside the sanctuary and profane the sanctuary of his God, for upon him is the distinction of the anointing oil of Mine, the ETERNAL's. (13) He may marry only a woman who is a virgin. (14) A widow, or a divorced woman, or one who is degraded by prostitution—such he may not marry. Only a virgin of his own kin may he take to wife— (15) that he may not profane his offspring among his kin, for I GOD have sanctified him. (16) GOD spoke further to Moses: (17) Speak to Aaron and say: No man among your offspring throughout the ages who has a defect shall be qualified to offer the food of his God. (18) No one at all who has a defect shall be qualified: no man who is blind, or lame, or has a limb too short or too long; (19) no man who has a broken

מֵאֲחִיו אֲשֶׁר-יִוְצֵק עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ |
שֶׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה וּמֵלֵא אֶת-יָדוֹ |
לְלִבָּשׁ אֶת-הַבְּגָדִים אֶת-רֹאשׁוֹ לֹא |
יִפְרֹעַ וּבְגָדָיו לֹא יִפְרָם: (יא) וְעַל |
כָּל-נִפְשֹׁת מֵת לֹא יֵבֵא לְאָבִיו |
וּלְאִמּוֹ לֹא יִטְמֵא: (יב) |
וּמִן-הַמְּקֻדָּשׁ לֹא יֵצֵא וְלֹא יַחֲלִל |
אֶת מְקֻדָּשׁ אֱלֹהָיו כִּי יָזַר שֶׁמֶן |
מִשְׁחַת אֱלֹהָיו עָלָיו אֲנִי יְהוָה: |
(יג) וְהוּא אִשָּׁה בְּתוּלִיָּה יִקַּח: |
(יד) אֲלֻמְנָה וּגְרוּשָׁה וְחֻלְלָה זֹנֶה |
אֶת-אִלָּה לֹא יִקַּח כִּי אִם-בְּתוּלָה |
מֵעַמּוֹ יִקַּח אִשָּׁה: (טו) |
וְלֹא-יַחֲלִל זֶרְעוֹ בְּעַמּוֹ כִּי אֲנִי |
יְהוָה מְקֻדָּשׁוֹ: {ס}(טז) וַיְדַבֵּר |
יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר: (יז) דַּבֵּר |
אֶל-אַהֲרֹן לֵאמֹר אִישׁ מִזֶּרְעֶךָ |
לְדוֹרֹתֶם אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה בּוֹ מוֹם לֹא |
יִקְרָב לְהִקְרִיב לַחֶם אֱלֹהָיו: (יח) |
כִּי כָל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ מוֹם לֹא |
יִקְרָב אִישׁ עוֹר אִוּ פֶּסֶח אִו חֲרָם |
אִו שְׂרוּעַ: (יט) אִו אִישׁ |
אֲשֶׁר-יִהְיֶה בּוֹ שֶׁבֶר רֶגֶל אִו שֶׁבֶר |
יָד: (כ) אִו-גִּבֵּן אִו-זָדֵק אִו תְּבַלְלָה |
בְּעֵינָיו אִו גֶּרֶב אִו יִלְפַת אִו מְרוּחַ |
אֲשָׁף: (כא) כָּל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ |
מוֹם מִזֶּרַע אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן לֹא יֵגֵשׁ |
לְהִקְרִיב אֶת-אֲשֵׁי יְהוָה מוֹם בּוֹ |
אֶת לַחֶם אֱלֹהָיו לֹא יֵגֵשׁ

leg or a broken arm; (20) or who is a hunchback, or a dwarf, or who has a growth in his eye, or who has a boil-scar, or scurvy, or crushed testes. (21) No man among the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a defect shall be qualified to offer GOD's offering by fire; having a defect, he shall not be qualified to offer the food of his God. (22) He may eat of the food of his God, of the most holy as well as of the holy; (23) but he shall not enter behind the curtain or come near the altar, for he has a defect. He shall not profane these places sacred to Me, for I GOD have sanctified them. (24) Thus Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites. (1) GOD spoke to Moses, saying: (2) Instruct Aaron and his sons to be scrupulous about the sacred donations that the Israelite people consecrate to Me, lest they profane My holy name, Mine GOD's. (3) Say to them: Throughout the ages, if any man among your offspring, while in a state of impurity, partakes of any sacred donation that the Israelite people may consecrate to GOD, that person shall be cut off from before Me: I am GOD. (4) No man whatsoever among Aaron's offspring who has an eruption or a discharge shall eat of the sacred donations until he is pure. If one

לְהִקְרִיב: (כב) לֶחֶם אֱלֹהֵיו
מִקְדָּשֵׁי הַקְּדָשִׁים וּמִן־הַקְּדָשִׁים
לֹא יֵאָכֵל: (כג) אַךְ אֶל־הַפְּרֻכָּת לֹא
יָבֹא וְאֶל־הַמְזֻבָּח לֹא יִגֵּשׁ כִּי־מוֹם
בּוֹ וְלֹא יַחֲלִל אֶת־מִקְדָּשֵׁי כִּי אֲנִי
יְהוָה מִקְדָּשָׁם: (כד) וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה
אֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־בָּנָיו וְאֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פ} (א) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר: (ב) דַּבֵּר
אֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־בָּנָיו וַיִּנְזְרוּ
מִקְדָּשֵׁי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא יַחֲלִלוּ
אֶת־שֵׁם קְדָשֵׁי אֲשֶׁר הֵם
מִקְדָּשִׁים לִי אֲנִי יְהוָה: (ג) אָמַר
אֱלֹהִים לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם כָּל־אִישׁ
אֲשֶׁר־יִקְרַב מִכָּל־זֶרְעֶכֶם
אֶל־הַקְּדָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר יִקְדִּישׁוּ
בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְיְהוָה וְטָמְאַתּוּ עָלָיו
וְנִכְרְתָה הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַהִוא מִלִּפְנֵי אֲנִי
יְהוָה: (ד) אִישׁ אִישׁ מִזֶּרַע אַהֲרֹן
וְהוּא צְרוּעַ אוֹ זָב בְּקְדָשִׁים לֹא
יֵאָכֵל עַד אֲשֶׁר יִטְהַר וְהִנְגַּע
בְּכָל־טְמֵא־נֶפֶשׁ אוֹ אִישׁ
אֲשֶׁר־תִּצָּא מִמֶּנּוּ שִׁכְבַּת־זֶרַע:
(ה) אוֹ־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִגַּע בְּכָל־שֶׁרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר יִטְמָאוּ־לוֹ אוֹ בְּאָדָם אֲשֶׁר
יִטְמָאוּ־לוֹ לְכָל טְמֵאָתּוֹ: (ו) נֶפֶשׁ
אֲשֶׁר תִּגַּע־בּוֹ וְטְמָאָה עַד־הָעֶרֶב
וְלֹא יֵאָכֵל מִן־הַקְּדָשִׁים כִּי
אִם־רַחֵץ בְּשָׂרוֹ בַּמַּיִם: (ז) וּבָא

touches anything made impure by a corpse, or if a man has an emission of semen, (5) or if a man touches any swarming thing by which he is made impure or any human being by whom he is made impure—whatever his impurity— (6) the person who touches such shall be impure until evening and shall not eat of the sacred donations unless he has washed his body in water. (7) As soon as the sun sets, he shall be pure; and afterward he may eat of the sacred donations, for they are his food. (8) He shall not eat anything that died or was torn by beasts, thereby becoming impure: I am GOD. (9) They shall keep My charge, lest they incur guilt thereby and die for it, having committed profanation: I GOD consecrate them. (10) No lay person shall eat of the sacred donations. No bound or hired laborer of a priest shall eat of the sacred donations; (11) but a person who is a priest's property by purchase may eat of them; and those that are born into his household may eat of his food. (12) If a priest's daughter becomes a layman's wife, she may not eat of the sacred gifts; (13) but if the priest's daughter is widowed or divorced and without offspring, and is back in her father's house as in her youth, she may eat of her father's food. No lay person may

הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְטָהַר וְאַחַר יֵאָכֵל
מִן־הַקֹּדְשִׁים כִּי לַחֲמוֹ הוּא: (ח)
נְבִלָה וְטִרְפָּה לֹא יֵאָכֵל
לְטִמְאַה־בָּהּ אֲנִי יְהוָה: (ט)
וְשִׁמְרוּ אֶת־מִשְׁמֵרֹתַי וְלֹא־יִשְׂאוּ
עָלֵיו חֲטָא וּמָתוּ בּוֹ כִּי יַחֲלֶלְהוּ
אֲנִי יְהוָה מִקֹּדְשָׁם: (י) וְכֹל־זֶר
לֹא־יֵאָכֵל קֹדֶשׁ תּוֹשֵׁב כֹּהֵן וְשֹׁכֵר
לֹא־יֵאָכֵל קֹדֶשׁ: (יא) וְכֹהֵן
כִּי־יִקְנֶה נֶפֶשׁ קִנְיָן כִּסְפוֹ הוּא
יֵאָכֵל בּוֹ וְיֵלִיד בֵּיתוֹ הֵם יֵאָכְלוּ
בְּלַחֲמוֹ: (יב) וּבַת־כֹּהֵן כִּי תִהְיֶה
לְאִישׁ זָר הִוא בְּתֵרוּמַת הַקֹּדְשִׁים
לֹא תֵאָכֵל: (יג) וּבַת־כֹּהֵן כִּי
תִהְיֶה אֶלְמָנָה וְגֵרוּשָׁה וְזָרַע אִין
לָהּ וְשָׁבָה אֶל־בֵּית אָבִיהָ
כַּנְעוּרֶיהָ מִלְּחָם אָבִיהָ תֵאָכֵל
וְכֹל־זֶר לֹא־יֵאָכֵל בּוֹ: (יד) וְאִישׁ
כִּי־יֵאָכֵל קֹדֶשׁ בְּשִׁגְגָה וְיִסַּף
חֲמִשִּׁיתוֹ עָלָיו וְנָתַן לַכֹּהֵן
אֶת־הַקֹּדֶשׁ: (טו) וְלֹא יַחֲלֶלְהוּ
אֶת־קֹדְשֵׁי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵת
אֲשֶׁר־יָרִימוּ לַיהוָה: (טז) וְהַשְּׂיֵאוֹ
אוֹתָם עֹון אֲשָׁמָה בְּאֲכָלָם
אֶת־קֹדְשֵׁיהֶם כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה
מִקֹּדְשָׁם: {פ}

eat of it— (14) but if someone eats of a sacred donation unwittingly, the priest shall be paid for the sacred donation, adding one-fifth of its value. (15) But [the priests] must not allow the Israelites to profane the sacred donations that they set aside for GOD, (16) or to incur guilt requiring a penalty payment, by eating such sacred donations: for it is I GOD who make them sacred.